

return to prosperity our people will pour a large portion of their gifts into the lap of the connexional enterprises of the Church.

We unite in giving praise and thanksgiving to the "Giver of every good and perfect gift" for past prosperity, and earnestly pray that God's richest benediction and blessing shall attend the labors of all His servants in the various fields in which they are engaged.

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SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

It is with much gratitude that your Committee note a steady progress in our Sabbath School work during the year. We think the following facts decidedly encouraging: 1,873 conversions during the year, 12,842 scholars who are members of our Church and earnestly travelling to Zion, scattering seeds of the Tree of Life as they go.

Whilst all the departments of finance show a healthy growth, we desire to call the attention of the Conference to the following:

1. The number learning catechism is slowly growing smaller, a fact much to be regretted. We feel that the solidity, stay and progress of our Church in the past has been due largely to the indoctrinating of our Sabbath School scholars in the principles and truths of our common Methodism. We urge a closer attention to this duty.

2. We learn with sorrow that many of our Sunday Schools contribute nothing to the cause of missions, whilst many others report only the result of the collections of the juvenile offering cards. Your Committee recommend that this latter method of raising money for missions be superseded by the taking of a collection monthly for this purpose, which is more in harmony with Scripture and trains our scholars in systematic giving.

3. Your attention is called to the excellent publications of our Book Room, which are second to none in their adaptation to the wants of our schools, and whose loyalty to Methodism and its doctrines is always positive, safe and effective. It is highly desirable that these should be secured in preference to others.

4. In the schedules of our Sabbath Schools there is a column headed "Number who have taken the total abstinence pledge." There is a great diversity in the filling up of this column. We recommend that the number of all the pledged scholars in the school be put into this column year by year and thus secure uniformity.

5. We are fully convinced of the utility and success of the Home Class Department, and urge this work on all our Sabbath Schools.

6. We desire to express our loyalty to the International Sunday School lessons, which in the past have been so successful.

7. We also recommend that Rev. J. A. Jackson be appointed Conference Treasurer of the Sunday School Aid and Extension Fund.

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